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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

ARGENTINA.

End of bubonic plague.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 21, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that I am advised by the Argentine minister at this capital that his Government officially declared, on the 6th instant, the territory of the Republic free from the bubonic plague.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

BELGIUM.

Reports from Antwerp.

ANTWERP, *June 11, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith abstract of bills of health issued during the week ended May 9, 1900, at Antwerp, Belgium.

Bills of health were issued to 4 vessels, all of which carried cargo. Steamship *Westernland* sailed for New York on the 9th instant, carrying 48 cabin and 398 steerage passengers. Eight were rejected at the examination held previous to the embarkation.

The health at this port continues good with the exception of a few cases of smallpox.

Respectfully,

E. K. SPRAGUE,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

ANTWERP, BELGIUM, *June 12, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the occurrence of 1 case of smallpox in Antwerp during the week ended June 2, 1900, was omitted from the weekly abstract of bills of health. There were no deaths from the disease during this term.

Respectfully,

E. K. SPRAGUE,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BRAZIL.

Plague at Rio de Janeiro.

RIO DE JANEIRO, *May 27, 1900.*

SIR: In my report dated April 28 I mentioned the new cases of plague, that have been made known here. By telegram and also in that report I